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BROWNBACK PRESSES FOR MARRIAGE PENALTY TAX RELIEF

WASHINGTON – U.S. Sen. Sam Brownback joined Senate colleagues this morning at a Capitol Hill news conference calling for alleviation from the Marriage Penalty Tax. Legislation that will help America's working families by providing real Marriage Penalty Tax relief is being filibustered by Senate Democrats.

"Yesterday in the Senate, we tried to begin consideration of a bill to provide much needed Marriage Penalty relief to working American families," Brownback said. "The Democrats however, blocked our efforts to begin consideration of this important legislation with parliamentary maneuvers designed to kill the bill.

"The Democrats, of course, have a right to use procedural motions to stop debate or to filibuster a bill. But of all bills, I cannot understand why they would want to stop the American people from receiving the marriage penalty relief they deserve.

"Yet despite their procedural motions, they claim to support marriage penalty relief. If they truly support marriage penalty relief, then why are they trying to block passage of the bill with extraneous, and non-relevant amendments on guns or medicare.

"Today, as I stand here with my colleagues, I call on the president of the United States, who, in the budget he submitted to Congress just four months ago called for Marriage Penalty relief, to intervene and stop the Democrat filibuster of our bill to provide real Marriage Penalty relief to the American people.

"America's families suffer from a extra tax burden of \$1,480 per year simply because they are married. This is wrong – and we must bring this type of government intervention into our family life to an end," Brownback said.